

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2008. In view of the foregoing amendments and following representations, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

By the above amendments, claims 1, 5, 7 and 10 are amended; and claims 2-4 and 6 are cancelled. Thus, claims 1, 5, and 7-12 are currently pending in the present application. Note that claims 10-12 were withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention. However, as will be discussed below, claims 10-12 should be considered for rejoinder.

Next, to facilitate the Examiner's reconsideration of the application, the specification and abstract have been reviewed and revised in order to make a number of minor clarifying and other editorial amendments. Note that the changes to the abstract are submitted in the form of a substitute abstract. Copies of the amended portions of the specification, claims and abstract with changes marked therein are attached. The "marked-up" version of the abstract is entitled "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

On page 5 of the Office Action, claims 6 and 7 are indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the limitations of claim 6 and intervening claim 2 have been incorporated into base claim 1. Therefore, claim 1 is now clearly allowable over the prior art of record. Also, claims 5, 7, 8 and 9 depend from claim 1 and are therefore allowable at least by virtue of their dependencies.

Further, independent process claim 10 has been amended to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 1. Therefore, as set forth in the restriction requirement of May 7, 2008,

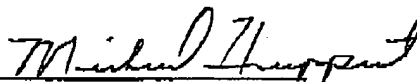
claims 10-12 should be considered for rejoinder. Note that all claims directed to the non-elected process invention require all the limitations of allowable product claim 1.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the present application is now clearly in condition for allowance. The Examiner therefore is requested to pass this case to issue.

In the event that the Examiner has any comments or suggestions of a nature necessary to place this case in condition for allowance, then the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney by telephone to promptly resolve any remaining matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An optical information recording medium is provided which has favorable signal quality even in high density recording using a translucent information layer. The optical information recording medium includes one or more information layers including a recording layer for recording/reproducing an information signal by irradiation with a laser light, and a separating layer or a protective substrate on which a first information layer of the information layer on the irradiation face side is formed.
10 | The ~~formed, the~~ separating layer or the protective substrate having a guide groove spirally or concentrically formed on the surface, and the respective inclined planes on the inner perimeter side and the outer perimeter side of the guide groove having inclined angles α and β with
15 | respect to the bottom face of the guide groove. The guide groove has one or more dissymmetric regions in the radius direction where the inclined angles α and β are different. The information layer has roughly agreeing thicknesses in
20 | the inclined face portion on the inner perimeter side and in the inclined face portion on the outer perimeter side in the dissymmetric region.